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SUBJ: SENGHOR PLANS DEMARCHE TO BOUMEDIENNE ON

SPANISH SAHARA AND IS SCHEDULING TRIPS TO ARAB STATES

1. DURING SEPT 24 CALL BY AMBASSADOR, PRESIDENT SENGHOR EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER SPANISH SAHARA SITUATION AND WHAT HE CONSIDERED MOST HARMFUL ATTITUDE OF ALGERIA. HE INDICATED HE PLANNED TO TRAVEL TO NORTH AFRICA IN OCTOBER AND HOPED TO STOP IN ALGIERS TO REASON WITH PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE DURING TRIP. SENGHOR SAID HE AND PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA HWD AGREED SUCH AN APPROACH WOULD BE USEFUL.

2. SENGHOR STATED THAT HE PLANNED TO VISIT EIGHT ARAB

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COUNTRIES IN OCTOBER. HE OBSERVED THAT HIS HEAVY SCHEDULE OF

UPCOMING TRAVEL WAS NECESSITATED BY MANY PRESSING AFRICAN QUESTIONS, REMARKING THAT HE WAS ALWAYS WILLING TO GO ANYWHERE IN INTEREST OF PEACE.

3. EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR SAAD MORTADA HAS INFORMED AMBASSADOR THAT HE HAD APPROACHED SENGHOR WITH SOME TREPIDATION TO REPORT THAT PRESIDENT SADAT COULD NOT RECEIVE HIM IN CAIRO ON DATES AGREED UPON EARLIER (DAKAR 4191) BECAUSE OF SADAT'S TRIP TO U.S. HOWEVER, SENGHOR REPLIED, "IT'S MORE IMPORTANT FOR HIM TO SEE PRESIDENT FORD THAN TO SEE ME." SENEGALESE-EGYPTIAN SUMMIT NOW PLANNED FOLLOWING VISIT TO SUDAN. SENGHOR DID NOT SPECIFY WHICH ARAB STATES HE HAD IN MIND, BUT THEY PROBABLY WILL INCLUDE MOROCCO, ALGERIA, EGYPT, SUDAN, KUWAIT, SAUDI ARABIA. ACCORDING TO MORTADA SYRIA AND IRAQ ARE DOUBTFUL AT PRESENT WHILE ABU DHABI AND QATAR ARE UNDER CONSIDERATION.

4. OTHER TOPICS OF DISCUSSION BEING REPORTED BY SEPTELS. AGGREY

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